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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of )  
Brian G. Ballstee et al. ) Examiner: C.T. Blake  
Title: MICROPLATED SHAVING SURFACE )  
AND A METHOD FOR MAKING ) Group Art Unit: 3724  
THE SAME )  
Serial No.: 10/779,836 )  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2005, having a period for response set to expire on January 16, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner has required the election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicant hereby elects Group I, Species A, Species D, and Species F for prosecution. The claims readable on this Group and the associated Species are claims 1-6 and 10-12.

Applicants understand that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR §1.141.

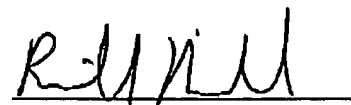
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Applicants believe that the foregoing election fully complies with the Office Action and that all claims of the application are allowable. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Applicants believe that no fees are due with the submission of this Response. If, however, it is deemed that any fees are in fact due, they may be charged to Deposit Account No. 503342 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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